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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 028987.52350US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **TOWING DEVICE**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 14 claims (13 pages).
2. 5 Sheets of Formal showing Figs. 1-6.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney **(unexecuted)**.
4. Application Data Sheet
5. Assignment of the invention to Dr. Ing. h.c.F. Porsche AG. **(unexecuted)**
6. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on Priority Document 102 31 221.4, filed in Germany on July 11, 2002.
7. Information Disclosure Statement w/ 3 references.
8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$375/750	=	\$750.00
Total Claims	14	-	20	=	0	X	\$9/18 = \$
Independent Claims	1	-		=	0	X	\$42/84 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$140/280 = \$
Total Filing Fee							<u>\$750.00</u>

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Respectfully submitted,

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